

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present patent application is the national stage of PCT patent application PCT/EP2004/050104, filed on February 10, 2004 and claiming priority to Italian patent application SV2003A000021, filed on April 18, 2003.

The present preliminary amendment is entered to introduce specification headings as in MPEP 608.01(a), and to format the claims to eliminate multiple dependent claims and correct typing errors.

No new matter has been added.

If it is felt for any reason that direct communication would serve to advance prosecution of the present application in this case, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney of record, Franco A. Serafini, by telephone, fax, or e-mail.

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